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1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2011;
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Natural Resources; May 4, 2011, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 4, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to continuing education requirements for persons holding
1-9 licenses issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 37.008, Water Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 (c) The commission may recognize, prepare, or administer
1-15 continuing education programs for license holders, including
1-16 continuing education programs made available through the Internet.

1-17 (d) The commission by rule shall provide a method for a
1-18 person who holds a license prescribed by Section 26.0301 of this
1-19 code or Section 341.033 or 341.034, Health and Safety Code, to
1-20 certify at the time the license is renewed that the license holder
1-21 has complied with the commission's continuing education
1-22 requirements.

1-23 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2011, the Texas
1-24 Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules implementing
1-25 Section 37.008(d), Water Code, as added by this Act. The rules must
1-26 provide a method by which the holder of a Class A or Class B public
1-27 water system operator or domestic wastewater treatment facility
1-28 operator license may certify the holder's compliance with
1-29 continuing education requirements.

1-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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